

Wednesday night

Dear Mom and Dad,

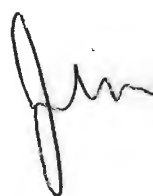
It is a rainy night and colder than we have been having lately. I guess spring isn't here yet although our grass has started to grow. Last weekend we drove up to Vermont to go skiing. Saturday we drove all the way to Brattleboro, Vt. going by New York City and passing through Connecticut and Massachusetts. It certainly is pretty in New England with lots of snow on the ground and the little villages looking just as they do in pictures. Sunday we skied at Mount Snow which the information place described as the Coney Island of Vermont. It is a small mountain compared to western standards, but it has quite a lot of room to ski on. It was a warm, sunny day and very pleasant. In the afternoon we visited one of the several bars and drank beer. It was very pleasant to be in a lively place with lots of younger people for a change.

There are several ski areas in the vicinity and two or three villages with lots of places to stay. We got a motel about ten miles from the mountain intending to go up again, but Monday morning Vickie, who had fallen several times, was just too stiff and sore to try it so soon. So, we drove back the long way; through Vermont and New York to Syracuse and then down through Pennsylvania and Maryland. It was sunny and a very nice day for driving through the hills. It made us both feel good to go for a long drive.

We stopped briefly in New Haven and I called Bill Turner who is still going to Yale. He was at the lab, but I talked to his wife. All three of the Turners are going to Yale now. Dick is married and Kathleen is engaged. I am going to write to them soon.

We have been studying the bridge book you sent us and Saturday night we are going to try playing with some friends. It might be dull for them, but at least we should learn something. When you visit you will have to give us some lessons. By the way, you should plan to stay here four days as it is impossible to fit everything in in less time.

Lately I have been playing basketball at noon in the gym - it certainly helps to get some exercise. We are looking forward to doing a lot of hiking this summer and ~~sya~~ staying in good condition. I will write again soon,

A handwritten signature, possibly reading "Jim", written in dark ink.